



January 31, 2017

Mr. Allan Blutstein



Dear Mr. Blutstein:

This is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2017-000380), submitted on January 17, 2017, in which you requested the following:

"[a]ll emails sent to and by the Designated Agency Ethics Official from January 9, 2017, to January 13, 2017, that mention OGE Director Walter Shaub, excluding internal news clippings or public source material."

We located 103 pages; however, they were all news clippings and/or public source material. After a thorough search, GSA was not able to locate any records responsive to your request.

You have the right to appeal the adequacy of our search. To do so, you must write within 90 days (May 1, 2017) of your receipt of this letter to:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)
1800 F Street, NW, Room 7300
Washington, DC 20405-0001

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons why you believe GSA should have the requested information. Please enclose a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this request. Should you have any press-related questions, please contact GSA Press by email at press@gsa.gov or you can contact me at (202) 219-3078 or by email at travis.lewis@gsa.gov. You may also contact the GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Audrey Brooks, at (202) 205-5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

Travis Lewis

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